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Sir:

In re application of: Cohn et al.

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Entitled: SUTURE SYSTEM

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$00) per §1.17(e).
☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ per §1.116.

☒ Small Entity Status is asserted.☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for 3 month(s) is hereby made under §1.136(a); a check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed for the cost of such extension per §1.17.☐ In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of such extension.☒ Other: IDS Letter, PTO Form 1449, copy of the Int'l Search Report, two references and a Terminal Disclaimer.

CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:	MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS:	EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS:	RATE:	ADDITIONAL FEE:
Independent	2 - 3	=	x \$200.00 =	0
Total	20 - 20	=	x \$ 50.00 =	0
[] Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)			+ \$360.00 =	
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				0
Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted.				
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				0

☒ No additional fee. ☐ The fee has been calculated above; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 (\$_____) for the cost of same.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

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